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1. The arms and ammunition warehouses of the First Army were located approximately 1,200 meters west of the Kostinets railroad station, which is located approximately 70 kilometers east of Sofia on the Sofia-Plodiv line. Kostinets village is located approximately 20 kilometers south of the station. The warehouses were underground and near a hill. The warehouses were constructed prior to World War II and were connected to the Kostinets railroad station by a spur line. [redacted] an Army unit of 200 men was also stationed in the area. 50X1-HUM 50X1-HUM
2. [redacted] ammunition warehouses of the Third Army [redacted] The warehouses, most of which were underground, were located approximately two kilometers west of the Smyadovo railroad station on the Shumen-Karnobat line. 50X1-HUM An Army unit of 200 men was stationed in the area.
3. The ammunition warehouses of the Fourth Army were located three kilometers northwest of the Pavlikeni railroad station which is on the Sofia-Varna line. The warehouses were near the railroad and could be seen from the train.
4. The warehouses of the Second Army were located near Sopot. [redacted] 50X1-HUM [redacted]
5. In June 1948, there were explosions which lasted for eight days in the ammunition dump at Smyadovo. There were many casualties among soldiers and inhabitants of the area, and there was much material damage. In August 1951, there were again explosions in the area, but the explosions did not continue so long and there were fewer casualties. The reason for the explosions was not revealed, but it was believed in the area that they were the result of sabotage.

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